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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 08140.0006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hirota HARO) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Application No.: 10/540,521) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: June 24, 2005)
For: A METHOD OF THERAPY FOR)
DEGENERATIVE)
INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, Applicant has not received the Official Filing Receipt or any substantive correspondence from the Office in this application. On June 24, 2005, Applicant filed this application under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Concurrently with the application, Applicant filed a Preliminary Amendment, a Petition to Submit Color Photographs, Declaration, Assignment, and an Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned agent respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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